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By Mrs. Paulsen of Belmont, petition of Anne M. Paulsen and others relative to parental leave of absence under the teachers' retirement law. Public Service.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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### PETITION OF:

Anne M. Paulsen                      Kay Khan  
Michael Healy

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO TEACHERS' RETIREMENT.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1     Subdivision (1) of section 4 of chapter 32 of the General Laws,  
2     as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3     inserting after paragraph (9½) the following paragraph:—  
4     (9¾) The period or periods after 1975 during which any  
5     member in service of the teachers' retirement system or any  
6     teacher who is a member of the state — Boston retirement system  
7     took an authorized parental leave of absence from the govern-  
8     mental unit in which the member was employed as a teacher and  
9     had established membership in a Massachusetts contributory  
10    retirement system shall be allowed as creditable service, on a pro-  
11    portionate basis which the board shall determine according to  
12    rules and regulations adopted by the board and approved by the  
13    commission; provided, that no credit shall be allowed unless such  
14    member has paid into the Annuity Savings Fund, in one sum or  
15    installments, upon such terms and conditions as the board may  
16    prescribe, an amount equal to the deductions that would have been  
17    withheld had the member continued in service, as determined by  
18    the board, together with regular interest. No credit shall be  
19    allowed and no payment shall be accepted under this paragraph  
20    until such member shall have completed 10 or more years of

21 membership service, but if any such member completes 10 years  
22 of service after July 1, 2005 the member shall be permitted to  
23 make payment under this paragraph within 18 months of the date  
24 she has completed 10 years of service. The maximum creditable  
25 service allowable under this paragraph for any member shall not  
26 exceed 12 weeks per leave.